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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re Application of:

Before the Examiner:

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Vu, Thong H.

Serial No.: 08/883,710

Group Art Unit: 2142

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IBM Corporation

P.O. Box 12195

Title: COMMUNICATION **NETWORK HAVING**

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ADJUSTABLE RESPONSE

Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

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THEREFOR

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 14, 2005 (Paper No. 24), having a one-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 14, 2005, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 27, 2005.

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